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SUBJECT: Jacobo TIMMERMANN

The following information has been compiled on Jacobo TIMMERMANN [redacted] 3.3(b)(1)

Bio data: Born: 6 January 1923 in Bar, Province of Podol, Russia.
Nationality: Naturalized Argentine. Applied for Argentine citizenship on 29 June 1964.
Religion: Jewish
Political Ideology: Communist

1942: Affiliated to the "Junta Juvenil Por La Libertad" (which is described as a "Communist" group).

1944: Arrested on 30 November along with 67 other persons who were taking part in a meeting of the Argentine League for the Rights of Man (LADH, a known communist front group). (POL II Comment: His participation in the LADH would not seem to be particularly significant, given the fact that at that time, the Soviet Union and the United States were allies in the fight against Hitler, and the LADH may have seemed an appropriate mechanism to combat fascism in Argentina.)

1959: Listed along with Marcos MERCHENSKY as editor/director of the daily "El Nacional" of Rogelio FRIGERIO (described as Marxist).

1959: Worked as a sports writer for "Noticias Graficas" but "was dismissed for, among other things, showing himself to be a bold and unscrupulous liar." Worked for a short time with "La Nacion." Moved on to "La Razon" where he tried to find

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support for the Frigerio line. Changed from "La Razon" to "Clarin." During this time, Frigerio provided him with opportunities, particularly in the pursuit of common business interests.

1959: Acted as a Presidential Representative in Germany on business matters with the firm "Ferrostal" along with Frigerio. Their activities in this regard brought on complaints from both the German Government and the Argentine Ambassador to Germany.

1960: Acted as Secretary General of Editorial "Haynes" when the latter was acquired by Frigerio.

1962: "On leaving his position with the daily 'El Mundo' (Marxist-Frigerista-Pro Castrista), he became director of Public Relations of the U. S. firm CARLO LOEB Y RHOADES. At this time he also had close ties with Felipe BESRODNIK (Treasurer of the Communist Party of Argentina in that year).

1964: Director of the magazine "Primera Plana." Was paid (by whom not given) 11 million pesos to leave the magazine. The sum was paid as an indemnity and shortly thereafter, he left the country for Mexico.

1965: Director of "Confirmado" (whose tendency at that time is described as "Frigerista-Comunista"). ?